

## Millfields User Group Committee: 6th meeting of 2011 committee, 27 July 2011

### Minutes

Present: Andrea Sinclair, Emma Jack, Diane Bernhardt, Harry Hewat, Bob Bengel (chair), Tim Evans (minutes), Ruth Smyth **action**

- 1 Apologies: Jon Aldenton, Barry Buitekant, Claire Kelly  
Jon Aldenton has resigned in order to concentrate on the Clapton Improvement Society
- 2 The agenda was agreed
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 26 June were amended, at item 4 - Harry reported not Diane. Minutes as amended were approved. Asked sec to append the paper on play. Noted that as the meeting had been inquorate, decisions were for ratification. **sec**
- 4 Family Fun Day  
  
Date had been fixed for 21 Aug. Emma reported on Claire's behalf that permission had been applied for and that Claire would be working on the fun day the following week.
- 5 Stalls  
  
Decided to hold stalls at Fun day on 21 Aug; and on 10 September on the south side focussing on play; time 1-3, continuing to 4 if the weather is OK. (See also below under Black Path)  
Noted the wisdom of buying a pop-up marquee/ gazebo of reasonable durability but that doesn't take for ever to set up.
- 6 Play  
  
Confirmed provisional approval of paper tabled at previous meeting.  
The north side proposal would cost about £100K and the result would be similar to Hackney Downs. The south side play could be dispersed to some extent, say in two places among the trees either side of the Black Path.  
Consultation could include children's workshops - making equipment models with plasticine & string - Andrea is willing to run this. **Andrea**  
We discussed examples of equipment designs. We asked everyone to pass photos of good play places and equipment to Tim for publishing on the blog. **All**  
Decided to see whether other funding sources exist, especially where available money might be used as match funding. Ruth will talk to HCVS. **Ruth**  
Reminded ourselves to talk to other user groups who have recently worked on play. **Tim, Ruth**  
Tim to give Ruth contacts.
- 7 Fairs  
  
Following discussion at June meeting, Bob reported he has spoken to the neighbourhood policing team whose attitude is that gang activity is to be expected if

there's a fair on Millfields.

Casimir Rd residents have not yet sent us the petition as agreed at June meeting.

Noted that 2 fairs had visited in little over a month, and that running on consecutive weekends meant that they occupied north Millfields for nearly 3 weeks. Bob & Tim to follow up & work out permissions trail.

Tim,  
Bob

8 'Dog free' area

The suggestion to take down fencing was liked and we agreed to put it to the next group meeting

sec

9 Casimir Rd entrance

Discussed the durability of surface needed. Needs hoggin of adequate consistency for traffic - not soft as in Shoreditch park. Bruce for Parks seems to have reservations about the surface and we need to get those made clear. Harry to fix meeting with Ben & Bruce for Sept.

Harry

10 Black Path

Tim reported on site meeting that day with Streetscene and LCC Hackney. Committee prefers that the only permanent signage be a shared use graphic on the ground at each end. Eye-level signs should be temporary for a transitional period, and then removed to reduce clutter. Agreed to hold a stall informing users as a cyclists' breakfast jointly with LCC, in September. Tim to liaise.

Tim

11 Orchard path

We seem to have covered the requirements of the group, the parks tree officers and Streetscene, and work is scheduled for November.

12 Other business

Andrea is interested in improving the look of the new National Grid wall. Tim to brief her on history and contacts.

Andrea  
Tim

12 Next group meeting

Decided on Saturday 17 Sept, 3pm.  
Venue? It's thought that Nye Bevan hall is charging now - Bob to research other possibilities  
Also decided to hold 3rd meeting of year on Weds 7 December, evening. Mince pies to be obtained.

13 Committee vacancy

Noted, following Jon Aldenton's resignation. Thanks expressed for his work. Process to be discussed at 31 August meeting.

14 Next committee meetings:

All still scheduled for final Weds of each month, i.e.: 31 Aug, 28 Sept, 26 Oct, 30 Nov, 28 Dec (?) 2011, 25 Jan 2012